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To The Department of Justice,

I have looked up to Microsoft for a long time. I see the measure of their wealth as the measure of the value they have created. I am grateful to them every day I enjoy using their products. I respect the immensity of the task of creating what they have. It feels good to look up to them. I like to know that there are strong people using their abilities to make life better.

Seeing them persecuted in court has been sickening. If they were forcing people to buy their products at the point of a gun, or threatening competitors with acts of terrorism, that would be one thing, but the only wrong I hear them accused of is using their position in the marketplace to their best advantage. Windows did not become dominant because of force. Microsoft, nor the Government, stifled competition. It became dominant because the vast majority of people considered it the best solution. To see such success met with such hostility makes me wonder what kind of world I'm living in, and how high I care to aspire. Am I in favor of the settlement? They don't belong in a courtroom at all. They belong on a pedestal.

Sincerely,
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